THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Makoto HAZAMA Confirmation No.: 4677

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For: METHOD OF SEQUENCE DETERMINATION FOR NUCLEIC ACID

Atty. Docket No.: 011530 Customer No.: 38834

<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 30, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004 for one month from July 30, 2004 to August 30, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the cost of the extension (\$110.00) and the request for continued examination (\$770.00). In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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